

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A bicycle saddle comprising:
a seat portion having load supporting surfaces laterally spaced apart;
a nose portion extending forwardly from the seat portion ~~with the~~ and having an end of ~~the nose portion that is~~ contiguous with a forward end of the seat portion ~~and~~ having an extending part that is rebated into a slot in the a central area of the ~~forward end of the~~ seat portion beginning at the seat portion forward end; and

a hinge that is flexible and laterally rigid connecting said nose portion to said seat portion to allow the nose portion to flex relative to the seat portion.

2.-4. Canceled.

5. (Previously presented) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 12 wherein said hinge further comprises a tension spring between the nose portion and seat portion.

6. (Previously presented) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 5 further comprising an adjustment means to vary the tension in the spring.

7. (Previously presented) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 6 wherein the adjustment means is a screw engaging one end of the tension spring.

8. (Currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim ~~4~~ 12 wherein the spring plate is secured to the under surfaces of the nose portion and seat portion.

9. Canceled.

10. (Currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 in which each of the saddle components are seat portion and the nose portion is molded from synthetic resin materials so as to form a unit.

11. Cancelled.

12. (Previously presented) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 wherein the hinge comprises a spring plate positioned between and secured to the nose portion and the seat portion.

13. (New) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 wherein the seat portion is to be mounted to the frame of a bicycle.

14. (New) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 wherein the hinge is flexible only vertically.